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In re Application of: IGOR PALLEY ET AL.

Serial No.: 08/717,042

Filed: September 20, 1996

For: BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINER ASSEMBLIES

Petersburg, VA 23804

March 5, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

In Office communication dated February 3, 1998, the Examiner has requested a species election for prosecution on the merits. Please note that the listing of species skips from Species VII to Species X. In the event that Species VIII and IX, respectively, were meant to be directed to Figures 9A-9E and 10A-10I, Applicants would prefer to elect Species IX (as identified, if correct). Since neither Species VIII nor Species IX are set forth and identified, however, and in order to be fully responsive to the election requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I (Figures 1A-1G and 4) for prosecution on the merits. Claims readable on Species I include: 1-11, 14-47, and 51-53.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the omission of species and/or any unresolved issues regarding these elections.

Respectfully submitted,
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